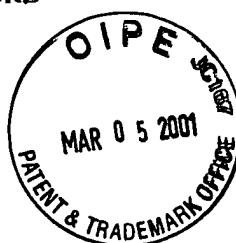


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Page 11, line 17 / Replace "buoy 58" with -- buoy 54 --,
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In the drawings, Applicant has proposed corrections to Figures 10 and 12 to conform numbering to the specimen and to other drawings.

In Fig. 10, the reference number 58 is replaced with 54 to properly refer to "buoy 54." This amendment conforms Fig. 10 to Figs. 2 and 3 and related specification page 16, in which 54 refers to the variable buoyancy buoys and 58 refers to interconnecting mooring line 58. The specification has been corrected throughout so that erroneous references to "buoy 58" has been changed to correct references to -- buoy 54 --. To extent that Applicant was able to detect, any such misnumbered references to the variable buoyancy buoy 54 correction was made.

Fig. 12 has similarly been corrected, replacing reference to buoys 58 to the correct reference to buoys 54. No new matter has been added by these conforming amendments and no new search should be required pursuant to this amendment. Moreover, this amendment places the application in a better condition for allowance and/or a better condition for appeal. Entry of this amendment after final is deemed proper.

Drawings with proposed corrections in red ink are submitted herewith for consideration and review by the Official Draftsperson. In the event the application is passed to issue, formal corrected drawings will be submitted upon approval by the Official Draftsperson.